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Ms. Emma Best  
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Reference: F-2018-01080

Dear Ms. Best:

This acknowledges the receipt of your 14 May 2018 letter, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordination on 22 May 2018, in which you clarified your 7 March 2018 request for records on the **Star Trek television/movie. Specifically, a search of previously released records and all Agency emails will be sufficient for the purpose of this FOIA as indicated in your letter.**

Our office has been advised to reach out about your clarified request for all emails specifically "mentioning" Star Trek as it is extensively broad and has yielded a considerable amount of potentially responsive emails, encompassing over 5,000 pages. Our preliminary search estimate is that duplication fees alone will exceed over \$2,000. However, we cannot provide you with an exact estimate until we have completed the actual search, identified all of the possible responsive documents, and determined how many pages of nonexempt, responsive material will be released.

Accordingly, based on our initial review of your request as written, we would require an advance payment of \$250 toward the applicable fees and your written fee agreement to pay all applicable fees prior to the processing of your request. Please forward a check or money order in the amount of \$250, made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, as well as your written commitment to pay any applicable fees incurred. Please cite the case number F-2018-01080 on any correspondence regarding this request.

Alternatively, if you wish to limit or reduce the fees, you would have to revise your request. If you are asking the Agency to search only emails containing the term Star Trek as it relates to the movie/television series, it would have to be narrowed to an office such as the office of Public Affairs and would require a specific date range that is more current, such as within the last two years. As you are aware, email searches are more effective when they are more specific. It is more appropriate to search emails when they contain a sender or recipient; or a specific office at the Director level for example. It helps speed up the search and reduces fees when you provide that. We believe a more practical search in this request would be a search for records about any

Agency participation or involvement pertaining to the Star Trek movie or television series within a specific date range of the specific movie or television series that you identify. This would narrow the request to a file indexed to the Star Trek movie or television series where the producer of the film or television series reached out to the Agency. We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your response. We look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allison Fong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allison Fong  
Information and Privacy Coordinator